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ULTRAVIOLET FLUORESCENCE

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references contained in this Information Disclosure Statement were, in some instances, first cited in the attached International Search Reports dated April 10, 2003 and February 8, 2005, in counterpart International Application Nos. PCT/US2003/00259 and PCT/US2004/005320.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	A16	International Search Report for PCT/US2003/00259 dated April 10, 2003
	A17	International Search Report for PCT/US2004/005320 dated February 8, 2005

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